



# RETURN AND REINTEGRATION FACILITY IN TWO PAGES

Building bridges for sustainable return and reintegration



## WHAT WE DO

The Return and Reintegration Facility (RRF) supports European Member States and Schengen Associated Countries (MS) to increase the effectiveness of their return and reintegration programming. The RRF provides operational and financial support to MS to facilitate the development of solutions and activities with an EU-added value in the area of return and reintegration, whilst bridging gaps between existing initiatives. In parallel, the RRF supports the implementation of the EU Strategy on Voluntary Return and Reintegration.

A Facility Steering Committee (FSC), that comprises representatives of MS, Frontex and DG HOME, ensures overall strategic guidance, leadership and oversight for the implementation. The FSC is chaired by a MS through an annually rotating chairmanship. ICMPD act as secretariat and provides technical support/assistance for its functioning.

# **KEY FEATURES**



MS AND DEMAND



RAPID RESPONSE



INNOVATION HUB



EVIDENCE-BASED WORKING

# WHERE WE WORK

The RRF supports MS with projects and activities across the entire (voluntary or forced) return and reintegration process:

HOST COUNTRY ACTIVITIES
MAKE RETURN POSSIBLE

RETURN PROCESS
MAKE RETURN HAPPEN

COUNTRY OF RETURN ACTIVITIES

MAKE RETURN SUSTAINABLE

MS identify the geographical priorities for the implementation of projects and activities. In accordance with MS priorities, the RRF is currently active in the following countries:



### **HOW WE WORK**

MS decide the working agenda of the RRF and initiate the process. MS can put forward projects and activities through the open Call for Ideas. The Facility Support Office (FSO) ensures a swift response on the idea and explores next steps together with the MS. Parts of this process are:

- Knowledge and data acquisition on the topic / region / reintegration profile etc.
- Support with further elaboration of the idea
- Identifying the most suitable implementation mode (implementation by MS through a grant contract, or implementation directly by ICMPD on behalf of a MS)

For all its activities and projects, the RRF coordinates and aligns with its key institutional stakeholders – DG HOME and Frontex – as well as with already existing initiatives.

#### SUPPORT TO THE EU STRATEGY ON VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

To facilitate joint operations, the European Commission developed a digital platform to process reintegration cases (RIAT). Frontex uses RIAT for its Frontex Reintegration Programme. The RRF contributes to the further development of RIAT and ensures technical support to MS.

# **KNOWLEDGE**

The better projects and activities link with the reality of return, the more effective their outcomes will be. For this reason, knowledge management is an important objective of the RRF. The ambition is to invest in knowledge during different phases of projects development and implementation:

- Project development: Context analysis based on all available knowledge, capacity and networks.
- Project implementation: Overall programme indicators and specific project indicators form the basis for monitoring cycles, allowing the identification of lessons learned.
- Evidence-based project cycle: take all acquired knowledge and lessons learned into future project development.

Knowledge acquired through the RRF's projects and activities will be disseminated through a digital e-learning system, interactive networking with return and reintegration counsellors, updates on the website, and other means.

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